1	2	3	4
Kerala	377	363	14
Madhya Pradesh	797	725	72
Maharashtra	1095	750	345
Manipur	35	27	8
Meghalaya	8	6	2
Mizoram	33	15	18
Nagaland	16	16	0
Orissa	481	405	76
Punjab	305	251	54
Rajasthan	835	665	170
Sikkim	13	7	6
Tamil Nadu*	767	702	65
Tripura	75	62	13
Uttar Pradesh	1930	1258	672
West Bengal	713	549	164
Uttaranchal	192	95	97
Union Territories			
Delhi	392	332	60
Pondicherry	21	20	1
Chandigarh	19	17	2
Andaman & Nicobar Islands**	8	8	0
Lakshdweep Island	3	3	0
Daman & Diu	4	3	1
Dadra & Nagar Haveli***	2	2	0
TOTAL:	13468	10623	2845

* As on January, 2003 ** As on July, 2003 *** As on June, 2002

Vetting of Rules, Regulations,etc.

550. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that proposals relating to vetting of Rules Regulations, Notifications and Policy decisions are not being promptly attended to in his Ministry causing delays in various Ministries/ Departments;

(b) if, so the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that several cases relating to policy decisions seeking the views of his Ministry from the Ministries of Finance, Commerce and Industry and Civil Aviation are pending for several months; and

(d) if so, the number of such cases from these Ministries pending as on date and what steps are being taken to clear these cases promptly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K.VENKATAPATHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No file relating to Ministry of Finance, Commerce and Industry and Civil Aviation is pending in this Ministry (Legislative Department and Department of Legal Affairs) as on 10.11.2005.

(d) Does not arise.

Appointment of Judges

†551. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards non-appointment to the sanctioned posts of Judges in the High Court of Jharkhand;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that the number of pending cases is continuously increasing due to shortage of Judges; and

(c) if so, the action being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Pursuant to the Supreme Court Judgement of October 6, 1993 read with their Advisory Opinion of October 28, 1998, the process of initiation of proposal for appointment of Judges of a High Court lies with

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.